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On August 17, 1961, a source of the Pittsburgh Office who has operated a bookie joint in New Kensington, Pa., for many years, advised that John Cirigliano, aka Shriggs, had been delivering the Pan-American Medical Sweepstakes tickets books for approximately two weeks. He said Shriggs was an employee of Gabriel Mannarino and his only function is to deliver lottery tickets to various numbers outlets in parts of Westmoreland, Armstrong and Allegheny Counties, Pa.

On August 21, 1961, Walter Sheridan, Special Consultant to the Attorney General of the United States, requested a full investigation of the Pan-American Foundation, Limited.

On August 25, 1961, Department of Justice Attorney Kenny furnished Special Agent Alex G. B. Radcliffe with a book of "Pan-American Medical Sweepstakes" tickets, based on the running of the Dixie Handicap horse race at Pimlico, Md., on November 23, 1961. The book contained tickets numbered 216677 through 216688. Attorney Kenny indicated he received the tickets from a source.

On August 25, 1961, the same source of the Pittsburgh Office advised that on the preceding day, Shriggs stated that the sweepstakes tickets were selling very badly and that he was not trying too hard to push them. Source said Shriggs normally delivered new lottery tickets, including the weekly Arrow Treasury and Empire Treasury tickets, on Thursdays and picked up receipts on Mondays and Tuesdays. He said that during the Thursday deliveries, Shriggs would furnish new books of sweepstakes tickets on request of any operator of a numbers joint.

On September 7, 1961, the same source of the Pittsburgh Office advised that sales of the sweepstakes tickets were very poor and that in the five or six weeks he had been selling them, he had sold only seven books of tickets. He said Shriggs told him that source and one other numbers operator in New Kensington were the only two in that town who were selling the tickets.